

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 511

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 3, 2009

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself and Mr. TESTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Durable  
5 Medical Equipment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION TO PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS**  
2 **OF THE ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL EXEMP-**  
3 **TION FROM CERTAIN MEDICARE ACCREDITA-**  
4 **TION REQUIREMENTS.**

5 Section 1834(a)(20)(F)(ii) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(20)(F)(ii)), as added by section  
7 154(b)(1)(A) of the Medicare Improvements for Patients  
8 and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–275), is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by inserting “pharmacies, and phar-  
11 macists,” after “eligible professionals (as defined in  
12 section 1848(k)(3)(B)),”; and

13 (2) by inserting “, pharmacies, pharmacists,”  
14 after “such professionals” each place it appears.

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